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SUBJECT: OPRED - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OVERSEAS STAFF OF
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

1. EMBASSY CANBERRA WELCOMES THE PROPOSED IRS PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA (SEE REFTTEL) AND WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT THROUGH SAS AGREEMENT. OFFICE SPACE, HOWEVER, IS AT A PREMIUM WITHIN THE CHANCERY AND ITS PROPOSED ANNEX (21 ARKANA STREET).
2. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS, NEVERTHELESS, THAT THE 800-900 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE SOUGHT BY IRS COULD BE PROVIDED BY RENOVATION OF THE THIRD FLOOR OF WING A, AS PROPOSED FOR ARPA'S USE IN CANBERRA'S 5341 OF SEPTEMBER 27. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THE US\$39,000 PRICE QUOTED BY MOIR FOR THIS WORK WILL HOLD ONLY THROUGH JANUARY 31 AND, OF COURSE, DOES NOT INCLUDE COSTS FOR OVERSEEING CONSTRUCTION AND PROVISION OF RESIDENT SEABEES (PREVIOUSLY ASSUMED BY USNAVY FACILITIES AT CAMP HAROLD E. HOLT). FURTHER DETAILS RELATING TO THIS SUGGESTION ARE CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S OM OF SEPTEMBER 21 ENTITLED "RENOVATIONS TO CHANCERY ATTIC."
3. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER IRS WILLING ASSUME OUTLAY DESCRIBED PARA 11 IN ORDER HAVE ACCESS VARIOUS FACILITIES AND AMENITIES OF CHANCERY COMPLEX.
4. IRS MUST UNDERSTAND EMBASSY WITHOUT INTRA-CITY MESSENGERS,

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JANITORS, MOTOR POOL AND SECURITY WATCH TO SERVICE OFFICES

SIX TO SEVEN MILES DISTANT FROM CURRENT LOCATION. RENTED SPACE
WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED IN WODEN VALLEY AS INNER CITY NOW
CONGESTED. TOTAL COST OFFICE RENTAL, ELECTRICITY, AND
CLEANING FOR 900 SQ FT WILL RUN APPROXIMATELY US\$10,000
PER ANNUM. POST, FURTHERMORE, HAS NO DESKS, CHAIRS, FILES
AND SAFES FOR IRS USE. FOR IRS INFO - CINCPAC HAS BEEN
THOROUGHLY SATISFIED WITH ITS RENOVATED THIRD FLOOR OF
WING B.
HARROP

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